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SUBJECT: JERUSALEM POST REPORTS NABATIYAH AGREEMENT
IN 24 HOURS

1. THE JERUSALEM POST (WOLF BLITZER) FEBRUARY 10 CARRIES
A FRONT-PAGE STORY HEADLINED "U.S. SAID REACHING ACCORD
ON NABATIYAH IN 24 HOURS." TEXT FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT THE U.S. IS EXPECTED TO REACH AN
ISRAELI-SYRIAN-LEBANESE UNDERSTANDING DURING THE NEXT
24 HOURS REGARDING A WITHDRAWAL OF SYRIAN FORCES FROM
THE SOUTHERN LEBANESE TOWN OF NABATIYAH.

3. ACCORDING TO INFORMED SOURCES HERE, ALL PARTIES ARE
NOW SAID TO BE CLOSE TO AN AGREEMENT THAT WILL
EVENTUALLY RESULT IN A SYRIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM THE TOWN,
ALTHOUGH DETAILS OF THE EVENTUAL UNDERSTANDING HAVE
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NOT BEEN DISCLOSED.

4. IT HAS BEEN LEARNED HERE THAT SECRETARY OF STATE
CYRUS VANCE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE MATTER RESOLVED
BEFORE EMBARKING NEXT MONDAY EVENING ON HIS MIDDLE
EAST TOUR. ISRAEL AMBASSADOR SIMCHA DINITZ, WHO MET
ON TUESDAY EVENING WITH UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE

PHILIP HABIB TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER, IS DUE TO LEAVE
FOR ISRAEL WITHIN 24 HOURS, AND HE TOO IS HOPEFUL
THAT THE MATTER CAN BE WORKED OUT BEFORE HE LEAVES.

5. IN GENERAL, U.S. AND ISRAEL SOURCES HERE WERE
OPTIMISTIC YESTERDAY THAT AN AGREEMENT WAS AT HAND.

6. ALTHOUGH THE UNDERSTANDING, WHICH WILL BE REACHED
THROUGH INTENSIVE DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, WILL PROBABLY
BE ACHIEVED DURING THE NEXT 24 HOURS, ITS IMPLEMENTATION
MIGHT NOT TAKE PLACE FOR SOME ADDITIONAL TIME --BUT
THAT WILL BE ONLY A PROCEDURAL MATTER, SOURCES
HERE INSISTED.

7. IT WAS BELIEVED UNLIKELY THAT DINITZ WOULD HAVE
TO POSTPONE HIS DEPARTURE FOR ISRAEL BECAUSE OF THE
SITUATION IN SOUTH LEBANON.

8. INFORMED DIPLOMATIC SOURCES HERE SAID THAT THERE
HAS BEEN NO DIFFERENCE OF OPINION BETWEEN WASHINGTON
AND JERUSALEM ON THE NATURE OF THE CONTROVERSY AND
THAT BOTH SEE EYE-TO-EYE ON THE PROBLEM. THEY AGREE
THAT THE SYRIAN PRESENCE AROUND NABATIYAH IS A
VIOLATION OF THE SO-CALLED "RED LINE" THEORY CALLING
UPON SYRIAN SOLDIERS TO REFRAIN FROM ENTERING THE
REGION CLOSE TO THE ISRAELI FRONTIER.

9. ISRAEL WOULD ACCEPT THE REPLACEMENT OF THE
SYRIAN PRESENCE AROUND NABATIYAH WITH TROOPS ATTACHED
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TO THE CENTRAL LEBANESE ARMY--AND MOST SOURCES HERE
CONCEDE THAT SUCH A PROPOSAL MAY IN FACT EMERGE FROM
THE DISCUSSIONS. END TEXT.

10. SIMILAR REPORTS ARE CARRIED BY HAARETZ (GOLAN),
YEDIOT AHARONOT (ZIMUKI), AND MAARIVE (DISSENCHIK),
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